

## ROCK CREEK WATER POLLUTION INQUIRY

### Experts Probing Charge That Impurity Comes From Maryland Sewage.

The matter of the pollution of Rock Creek by suburban sewage from the Maryland section is in the hands of experts of the Department of Justice, who will announce the findings of their investigation of the legal aspect of this proposition within the next two weeks, it was learned today.

The office of the public buildings and grounds opened the most recent fight upon sewage disposal into Rock Creek when it learned of the project of the Washington suburban sanitary district to run sewage from Bethesda, Edgemoor and Woodmont into a creek feeder or into Rock Creek itself.

**Water in Bad Condition.**  
The water now, according to experts, is so badly polluted that evidences of the sewage may be detected on the northern shores of the creek for a considerable distance after it enters Rock Creek Park.

The swimming holes there had in them water of such pollution that chlorinating processes have been resorted to in order to insure the bathers from infection of typhoid germs, it was stated.

The matter came to a head when the Secretary of War wrote to Attorney General Daugherty of the situation, asking whether anything could be done legally to prevent such emptying of sewage. The matter immediately was turned over to an expert in interstate cases for investigation.

**Films Being Searched.**  
Films for similar cases have been searched and the stand of the Department of Justice, while it will not be announced in an official opinion, it is believed, is rapidly being completed. Secretary Weeks, in his letter to Attorney General Daugherty, said that "advice is desired if the War Department, which is in charge of Rock Creek Park, a federal reservation, can take any action to compel the Washington suburban district to construct sewage tanks at the sewage treatment plants so that the sewage will be properly treated before it is emptied into Rock Creek."

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#### Colored Workers in Government Office Form Organization.

Perfection of a permanent organization for colored workers in government offices was achieved at a mass meeting of the colored employees of the government printing office in Harding Hall, the office's auditorium, yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock.

Among the resolutions adopted was one endorsing the administration of Public Printer George H. Carter and pledging the support of the organization to him and the entire staff of officers at the printery.

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WILL LECTURE ON JAPAN.

J. Paul Goode to Address Geographic Society.

The industrial life of Japan, with its background of handicraft and art, will form the subject of a lecture before members of the National Geographic Society tomorrow afternoon and evening by J. Paul Goode. The address, which will be illustrated by colored lantern slides prepared in Japan, will be delivered in the New Masonic auditorium. During the administration of President Taft Mr. Goode traveled over the United States as one of the official hosts with a party of the leading industrial magnates of Japan.

When he later visited Japan he was taken for a corresponding journey through the industrial establishments of the island empire, and given unusual opportunities to observe the country's industrial activities.

WILL LECTURE ON BIRDS.

Invitations have been sent to District public school children by Supt. Frank W. Ballou to attend a lecture on "Birds Homes About Washington," to be given by Dr. Paul Bartsch, in the auditorium of the New National Museum, Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock. The lecture will be given for children in the schools of the tenth, eleventh, twelfth and thirteenth divisions, at the same place at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

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Consolidation into three great systems of the railroads in the southeastern portion of the United States, at the same time preserving competition as far as possible and maintaining existing routes and channels of trade and commerce, is suggested in a tentative plan announced by the Interstate Commerce Commission. The commission will hold a hearing on the consolidation of roads in the southeastern portion of the country April 24.

The first system—called the southern—would include the following roads: The Southern, Alabama, Great Southern, the Georgia, Southern and Florida, the Mobile and Ohio, the Southern in Mississippi, the Northern Alabama, the Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas Pacific, the New Orleans and Great Northern and the Alabama and Vicksburg.

**Outline of Second System.**  
The second system—the Atlantic Coast Line—Louisville and Nashville—would include the following roads: Atlantic Coast Line, the Atlanta and West Point, the Charleston and Western Carolina, the Louisville and Nashville, the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis, the Louisville, Henderson and St. Louis, the Western Railway of Alabama, the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac, the Norfolk Southern, the Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic, the Winston-Salem, the Norfolk and Western, the Florida East Coast, the Carolina, Clinchfield and the Gulf, Mobile and Northern and the Mississippi Central. A plan submitted to the commission several months ago by Prof. E. V. Ripley of Harvard University recommended that the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac and the Florida East Coast retain their present status.

**Third Grouping of Roads.**  
The third system in the southeastern portion—to be known as the Illinois Central-Seaboard—would include the following roads: Illinois Central, the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley, the Central of Georgia, the Seaboard Air Line, the Lynchburg branch of the Norfolk and Western, the Gulf and Ship Island, the Tennessee Central and the Ohio, the Georgia and Florida. Prof. Ripley recommended that a separate system be built around the Florida East Coast, which would be under the jurisdiction of the Interstate Commerce Commission, it was announced. The plan would be subject to the approval of the commission, and the roads and others who wish to be represented at the hearing.

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